

35 USC 112, second Paragraph

Applicants confirm the Examiner's conclusion that when the variable Y is C, the carbon has two hydrogens attached to provide the proper valency. Applicants have amended the claims to expedite prosecution of the application and to confirm the Examiner's rational that C must refer to CH₂.

Applicants submit that the rejection of Claims under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite with regard to variable Y is addressed by confirmation of the Examiner's rational, combined with the amendment to the claims to expedite prosecution of the present application. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Applicants understand the Examiner's point that there is no point of attachment possible for both R1 and R32 on the triazole ring, as claimed in Claims 46, 48, 83, and 84. Applicants note that both R1 and R32 may be hydrogen, so the substituent R1 is thus extraneous where it would be impossible for two substituents on the triazole ring as these claims are drafted. Applicants maintain that the error is an obvious error, since the structures as drafted, have no point of attachment for both variables. Applicants maintain that the skilled chemist would readily deduce that only one substituent may attach to the triazole ring. The skilled artisan would conclude that an obvious error is present in these claims. Because only one substituent may be attached to the triazole ring, and because both R1 and R32 include the possibility for hydrogen substitution, Applicants respectfully request amendment of the claim to correct this obvious administrative error. The optional double bonds have been corrected in Claim 84 to provide correct valence for the nitrogen having a fixed hydrogen substituent. Further, the definition for R32 has been amended to remove the technically impossible situation wherein R32 is a bond. Applicants maintain that each of these amendments correct obvious administrative errors, and that no new matter is entered through these amendments to the claims. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments to correct the obvious administrative errors noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all the rejections under 35 USC 112.

Objections

Applicants have amended the claims to maintain only the elected subject matter. Claims and subject matter that are not currently elected have been withdrawn and/or amended so that the claims are narrowed to the presently elected invention. Applicants maintain the right to file one or more divisional applications to claim the non-elected subject matter.

Claims 74 and 75 are amended to remove the extraneous commas. Additionally, Claims 51, 75 and 77 have been amended to correct the obvious errors noted by the Examiner.

Applicants have amended the specification as pointed out by the Examiner to ensure that the bonds in the ring are visible in the printed version. Applicants maintain that the remaining structures clearly include the bonds that appeared to be missing. Applicants maintain that the processes and procedures taught in the specification clearing support that the bond must be

present, further, the electronic version of the pages, included the bond; however, the bond was not clearly visible when the pages were submitted as a PDF or printed version. Applicants maintain that these corrections to the specification are fully supported by the original disclosure, and that the amendments introduce no new matter. Applicants note that many of the structures corrected in the specification are directed to non-elected subject matter. In the interest of moving prosecution forward as promptly as possible, applicants request entry of the amendments to the specification. Applicants submit that the specification is now in condition for allowance.

Remarks

Applicants request entry of the amendments prior to any further action on the merits. Applicants maintain that the amendments are fully supported by the original specification, description, teachings, and required proper valence of the atoms. Applicants request entry of the amendments and withdrawal of the rejections and objections.

Any communication regarding furtherance of the prosecution for this application may be directed to the undersigned attorney.

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